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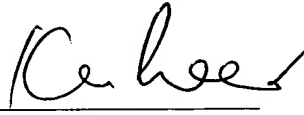
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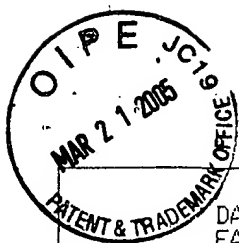
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Dear Examiner Greene:

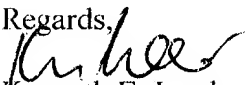
Further to our discussion today, I propose the following amendment without prejudice.

1. Cancel all claims except 3, 5, 8 and 9.
2. Please amend claim 5 as set forth in the attachment hereto.
3. Please add claims 33-36 as set forth in the attachment hereto.

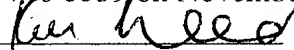
If you believe that further changes are required, please let me know.

As you may recall, we discussed U.S. Patent 6,354,493, issued to Mon. Please have the record reflect that Mon was considered during prosecution.

As a final note, I point out that the present application claims priority as a continuation-in-part. The filing receipt I received fails to mention the claim of priority. Please verify that the PTO records reflect this claim of priority.

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5. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

a delivery vehicle;

a set of packages within said vehicle, said packages having at least one signal responsive tag;

a transmitter for querying one of the tags within said vehicle to thereby locate the package corresponding to said tag, said tag generating a signal in response to said querying; and

~~a pointing device~~ at least one light beam source for identifying a package corresponding to said queried tag by pointing toward said package in a direction responsive to said signal generated by said tag.

33. (New) A system comprising:

a set of objects, said objects having a signal responsive tag;

a transmitter for querying one of the tags to thereby locate the object corresponding to said tag, said tag generating a signal in response to said querying; and

at least one light beam source for identifying said object corresponding to said queried tag by pointing toward said object in a direction responsive to said signal generated by said tag.

34. (New) System of claim 33 wherein said tags are RFIDs.

35. (New) Method for locating an object comprising:

providing an object, said object having a signal responsive tag;

providing a signal for querying said signal responsive tag;

receiving a reply signal from said tag; and

determining the location of the tag in response to the reply signal and indicating the location of the tag using one or more light beams, said one or more light beams pointing toward the object corresponding to said queried tag in a direction responsive to said reply signal.

36. Method of claim 35 wherein said tag is an RFID.